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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 23 September 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

11 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Report of the Secretary-General pursuant to Security Council resolution 1160 (1998) (S/1998/834 and S/1998/882)*

Other matters

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* To be followed by a formal meeting of the Council, to be held at 3.30 p.m.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	11th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Andrés Pastrana Arango, President of the Republic of Colombia.
2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Jules Wijdenbosch, President of the Republic of Suriname.

(continued overleaf)

Announcement

The Security Council will hold a meeting at the level of Foreign Ministers on "The situation in Africa" on Thursday, 24 September 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1.15 p.m. in the Security Council Chamber.

3. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Address by His Excellency The Honourable Dr. Navinchandra Ramgoolam, Prime Minister of the Republic of Mauritius

   China

   France

   Italy

   United Arab Emirates

   Democratic Republic of the Congo

3 p.m. 12th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Hassan Gouled Aptidon, President of the Republic of Djibouti.
2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Ibrahim Maïnassara Baré, President of the Republic of the Niger.
3. Address by His Excellency Dr. Arnoldo Alemán Lacayo, President of the Republic of Nicaragua.
4. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Address by His Excellency Mr. Mohammad Nawaz Sharif, Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan

   Portugal

   Ukraine

   Chile

   Spain

   Czech Republic

   Sweden

   Ireland

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Board of Auditors

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON PROGRAMME AND OPERATIONAL QUESTIONS (CCPOQ)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Third regular session 1998

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	49th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Pending decisions

2. Conclusion of the session

Announcement

The daily briefing of the Spokesman for the Secretary-General for press officers of Member States of the United Nations is suspended during the general debate of the General Assembly (21 September-2 October). Live coverage of the Spokesman's noon briefing can be seen in Screening Room 4.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the
Secretariat of the United Nations.

Wednesday, 23 September 1998

GROUP OF 77
(Draft Ministerial Declaration)

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77
(Tenth Annual Senior Officials Meeting)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

RIO GROUP - CHINA

5 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

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Ministerial meeting

An informal Ministerial Meeting (closed) on the negotiation towards conclusion of the Protocol to strengthen the Biological Weapons Convention will be held *today*, 23 September 1998, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 1.

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Announcement

As from Thursday, 3 September 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 24 September 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 13th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Jacob Nena, President of the Federated States of Micronesia.

2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Carlos Roberto Flores Facusée, Constitutional President of the Republic of Honduras.

3. Address by His Excellency Mr. Rafael Caldera, President of the Republic of Venezuela.

4. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Address by His Excellency Mr. Benjamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister, and Minister of Housing, Construction and Religious Affairs of the State of Israel.

   Address by His Excellency Mr. Atal Behari Vajpayee, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of India.

   Poland

   Address by His Excellency Mr. Mesut Yilmaz, Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey.

   Bulgaria

3 p.m. 14th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Armando Calderón Sol, President of the Republic of El Salvador.

2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Petru Lucinschi, President of the Republic of Moldova.

3. Address by His Excellency Mr. Abdulsalami Abubakar, Head of State, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

4. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Monaco

   Guinea

   Lebanon

   Slovakia

   Netherlands

   Greece

   Morocco

   Cuba

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

The First Committee will commence its substantive work on 12 October 1998 for a period of five weeks. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 12 October, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The Committee will hold its general debate from 12 to 21 October. Those delegations wishing to participate in the general debate are urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the Secretariat of the First Committee (tel.: 963- 5579, room S-3140B), as early as possible.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for the general debate, and all other items allocated to the Second Committee is open for inscription. The general debate is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, 6 October, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the lists are requested to contact the secretariat of the Second Committee (Ms. June Knesl, tel.: 212-963-5709, fax: 212-963-5935).

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for *all items* allocated to the Third Committee are open for inscription by delegations. The Committee will begin its substantive work (in accordance with document A/C.3/53/L.1, as approved by the Committee at its second meeting) on Monday, 5 October 1998, at 3 p.m., with agenda item 100 (Social development). Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee (Ms. Kate Starr Newell, tel.: 212-963-4248; fax: 212-963-5935).

Executive briefing

There will be an executive briefing for delegations by the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women, Ms. Angela E. V. King, on Friday, 9 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5, on agenda items 103 (Advancement of women) and 104 (Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women).

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SECURITY COUNCIL

The United Nations Special Commission (UNSCOM), established under Security Council resolution 687 (1991) of 3 April 1991, will hold its sixteenth plenary session from Monday, 28 September, to Thursday, 1 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

An informal consultation on the organization of work for the forty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women will be convened by the bureau of the Commission on Tuesday, 29 September 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1. A background paper to facilitate the discussion has been prepared by the secretariat of the Division for the Advancement of Women and will be available at the offices of the Division (room DC2-1216).

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FIFTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General debate
(21 September-2 October 1998)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 5) for the general debate of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Servicing Branch (S-2935G). The provisional list of speakers (No. 5) has also been sent by facsimile directly to Permanent Representatives to the United Nations.

The list is also available on the Internet through the United Nations Home Page: www.un.org/ga/53/session/list53.htm.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on consumer protection)* on Thursday, 24 September 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Group of 77 will hold their Twenty-second Annual Ministerial Meeting at Headquarters on Friday, 25 September 1998, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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There will be a joint meeting of the African Group and the Arab Group on Tuesday, 29 September 1998, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

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Informal consultations

The Second Informal Consultations of the Council for Foreign and Community Relations (COFCOR) will be held on Thursday, 24 September 1998, at 9.30 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Briefing

H.E. The Honourable Lloyd Axworthy, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Canada, and H.E. Mr. Knut Vollebaek, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Norway, will hold a special information briefing on small arms and light weapons on Friday, 25 September 1998, at 9 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Foreign Ministers and/or their designates, as well as interested Secretariat officials, are invited to attend.

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Seminars

There will be a seminar, co-sponsored by the Permanent Missions of Canada and Norway to the United Nations, on Friday, 25 September 1998, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3. The seminar, which is organized by the British American Security Information Council (BASIC), will assess the impact of small arms proliferation and investigate ways in which the United Nations can offer solutions to the problem. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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A seminar on the theme "At the Nexus of Social and Environmental Policy: Making Sustainable Development Work", organized by the World Bank, will take place on Wednesday, 30 September 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Mr. Ian Johnson, Vice-President for Environmentally and Socially Sustainable Development, and Ms. Gloria Davis, Director of the World Bank's Social Development Department, will make presentations. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Ministerial meeting

The Eighth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) will be held on Monday, 28 September 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 21 September 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

8th plenary meeting

Address by H.E. Mr. Guntis Ulmanis, President of the Republic of Latvia

H.E. Mr. Guntis Ulmanis, President of the Republic of Latvia, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. Seyed Mohammad Khatami, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran

H.E. Mr. Seyed Mohammad Khatami, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard a statement by H.E. Ms. Rosario Green, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mexico.

H.E. The Hon. William Skate, Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea, addressed the General Assembly.

H.E. Mr. Keizo Obuchi, Prime Minister of Japan, addressed the General Assembly.

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Guido Di Tella, Minister for Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship of Argentina; H.E. Mr. Ali Alatas, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Indonesia; H.E. Mr. Roberto Rojas, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica; H.E. Mr. Knut Vollebaek, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Norway; H.E. Mr. Amara Essy, Minister of State, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Côte d'Ivoire; and H.E. Mr. Abdul-Qader Ba-Jammal, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Yemen.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the United Kingdom and Argentina.

Tuesday, 22 September 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

9th plenary meeting

Address by H.E. Mr. Pierre Buyoya, President of the Republic of Burundi

H.E. Mr. Pierre Buyoya, President of the Republic of Burundi, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Flt. Lt. Jerry John Rawlings, President of the Republic of Ghana

H.E. Flt. Lt. Jerry John Rawlings, President of the Republic of Ghana, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Dr. Wolfgang Schüssel, Vice-Chancellor and Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs of Austria (on behalf of the European Union); H.E. Dr. Klaus Kinkel, Vice-Chancellor and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Germany; H.E. Mr. Igor Ivanov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation; H.E. Ms. Penelope Anne Wensley, Chairman of the Delegation of Australia; H.E. Mr. Abdus Samad Azad, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh; and H.E. Mr. Eduardo Ferrero Costa, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Peru.

10th plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 10th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/183).

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE
RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Nineteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

TUESDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER 1998

479th and 480th meetings

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee began its consideration of the initial report of Ecuador (CRC/C/3/Add.4).

In accordance with the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions and observations made by members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the Abolition of the Death Penalty, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 15 December 1989

Signature: Slovakia (22 September 1998)

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction, concluded at Oslo on 18 September 1997

Ratification: Namibia (21 September 1998)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Effective *today*, 23 September 1998, at 8 a.m., the Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit will be temporarily located in the Pass and Identification Unit, situated on the main level of the UNITAR building (801 United Nations Plaza) (entrance at the corner of 45th Street and First Avenue).

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Presentation of a gift

A gift from the Government and People of the Slovak Republic will be presented to the United Nations at a ceremony to be held on Thursday, 24 September 1998, at 12.45 p.m. in the first basement of the Conference building (near the Viennese Cafe).

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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